

The Bloomfield Citizen.

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The Choice of Books.

The selection of books, like the choice of friends, is a serious and important matter. Not every collection of books is in any sense a library. Its value will depend not so much upon its cost, or the number of its volumes, but upon the character of the books which fill its shelves. Fifty or a hundred volumes of the world's masterpieces are more valuable for any real educational purpose than ten thousand of the haphazard productions of the press. Says John Ruskin: "It is of the greatest importance to you, not only for art's sake, but for all kinds of sake, in these days of book deluge, to keep out of the salt swamps of literature, and live on a little rocky island of your own, with a spring and a lake in it, pure and good. I cannot, of course, suggest the choice of a library for you, for every several mind needs different books, but there are some books which we all need, and assuredly, if you read Homer, Plato, Eschylus, Herodotus, Dante, Shakespeare and Spenser as much as you ought, you will not require wide enlargement of your shelves to right and left of them for purposes of perpetual study. * * * A common book will often give you much amusement, but it is only a noble book which will give you dear friends." Reading to be useful should be wisely directed. The hours spent upon trifles or wasted in useless musings would suffice to secure to most men both refinement and wide information.

"And again," remarks James Herbert Morse, "if I could recover the hours idly given to the newspaper, not for my own gratification, but solely for my neighbor at the breakfast table, I could compass a solid course of English and American history, get at the antecedents of political parties in the two countries, and give the reasons for the existence of Gladstone and Parnell, of Blaine and Edmunds, in modern politics—and there is undoubtedly a reason for them all. Two columns a day in the newspapers—which I could easily have spared, for they were given mainly to murder-trials and the search for corpses, or to the romance of the reporter concerning the same—have during the last ten years absorbed just about the time I might have spent in reading a very respectable course in history—one embracing say, Curtius and Grote for Greece, Mommsen, Mervale and Gibbon for Rome, Macaulay and Green for my roots in Saxondom, Bancroft, Hildreth, and Palfrey for the ancestral tree in America, together with a very notable excursion into Spain and Holland with Motley and Prescott—a course I consider very desirable, and one which should set up a man of middle age very fairly in historical knowledge. I am sure I could have saved this amount out of ten years of my newspaper reading alone, without cutting off any portion of that really valuable contribution for which the daily paper is to be honored, and which would be needed to make me an intelligent man in the history of my own times."

Books such as these are not to be had for the asking. They will not be found among the cast-off remnants of private libraries or in second-hand bookstores. They must be purchased with cash, and selected by those whose life has been spent among books, and who know their value.

Real growth in wisdom will result from the choice of wise books. Collections of common, frivolous and doubtful volumes will leave no useful impress upon the community. They will prove "monuments of folly" as truly as ugly buildings which are unsuited to their purpose. Valuable libraries are not the result of the expenditure of money merely, but of an educated taste applied to the selection of their individual volumes. Their collection involves time, labor and good judgment, and may not under any circumstances be left to haphazard, or the interested zeal of over-anxious dealers.

Some of our Democratic friends seem to think that we object to the appointment of a Democrat in the place of a Republican postmaster, whose term has expired. Nothing of the sort. What we do object to is the sneaking way in which the Cleveland element of the Democratic party swindled a great many Republicans into voting the Democratic ticket in 1884 by advertising that the principle of the new administration would be that 'no party considerations should enter into the matter of appointments; and that an efficient public officer, though a Republican, would be just as sure of his continuance in office as he would if he were a Democrat. We absolve our luminous contemporary, the New York Sun, from aiding and abetting any such hypocritical and pusillanimous professions. And by the way, we may remark in this connection, that we are not half as sure as we once were that the Sun's

idea of the civil service is altogether wrong. At any rate we admire honesty wherever it is found.

True to its character of chief ally of the rum power, the prohibition party opposes with all its might and main the high license bill in the New York Legislature. One would think that the mere fact of finding themselves so continuously working hand in hand with agents of the saloon, would excite the suspicions of the prohibitionists, and lead them to ask, whether it is possible that the interests of temperance and intemperance can both be served the same means. It is a singular thing, that the most active measures against intemperance are being carried forward by the people in those states where there is no prohibition party, and that in those states where there is a prohibition party, as in New York and New Jersey, it is almost invariably found arrayed against every practicable scheme for the restriction and suppression of the rum evil.

It is high time therefore, that throwing aside all sentimental feelings, prompted by the real or apparent sincerity of some individual prohibitionists, all temperance people should wage vigorous warfare against the prohibition party, as one of the chief obstacles in the pathway of reform.

Dr. Howard Crosby, who has done more work in proportion to his talk, in combatting the terrible influence of the saloon, than all the prohibitionists put together, announced to the Rutgers students, that in his opinion the total abstinence pledge had been tried and found wanting, as the means of preventing drunkenness. There are thousands of thousands of temperance people who most thoroughly agree with him. That total abstinence—touch not taste not handle not principle, is in many individual cases the sole road for safety is not to be denied. This is true not only with regard to wine drinking, but also with regard to many another practice very common to the human family. There are a great many unfortunate creatures, with whom little invariably leads to too much. The weak, the timid and the ignorant must if they would be safe keep in the hard beaten, well-defined, albeit dusty and monotonous highway; but no law will ever pass which shall prohibit the strong and confident ones from wandering at will through field and wood.

Cast-iron rules of conduct, to which all individuals, without regard to character or circumstances must conform are repugnant alike to Christianity and the American idea of civil liberty.

STATE ITEMS.

A sharp felloe imposed on several Paterson brewers by ordering goods sent to a fictitious place and then getting free drinks on the strength of the orders.

John Beekman, an old resident of North Branch, was frozen to death in a field not more than a mile from his house last week. His body was found after a search.

The boring of the artesian well at Beach Haven has resulted in striking a most superior artery of water at 475 feet. The flow is 500 barrels an hour. Much excitement prevails.

Mrs. H. W. Cottrell, of Long Branch, the mother of several half-grown boys, has published the following notice in the local newspapers:

Warning.—All parties are hereby forbidden under penalty of law, to sell or give beer or any intoxicating liquors to my minor sons.

Mrs. H. W. COTTRELL.

Rev. J. H. Whitehead, of Passaic, last week secured a horse which was stolen from him while he was pastor of the Pompton Plains Reformed Church six years ago. Mr. Whitehead found the horse at a farmer's at Marlborough, N. Y., who purchased it from a sale stable at Newburgh, and being able to prove property, he secured the animal. A fellow named George Messenger was convicted of the theft, and was sent to Trenton for nine years. Mr. Whitehead visited Messenger in State Prison in company with Mr. H. R. Richardson, a short time since, and learned enough to warrant him in going in search of his property. The animal is old and worn now, but Mr. Whitehead proposes to use him well for the balance of his life.

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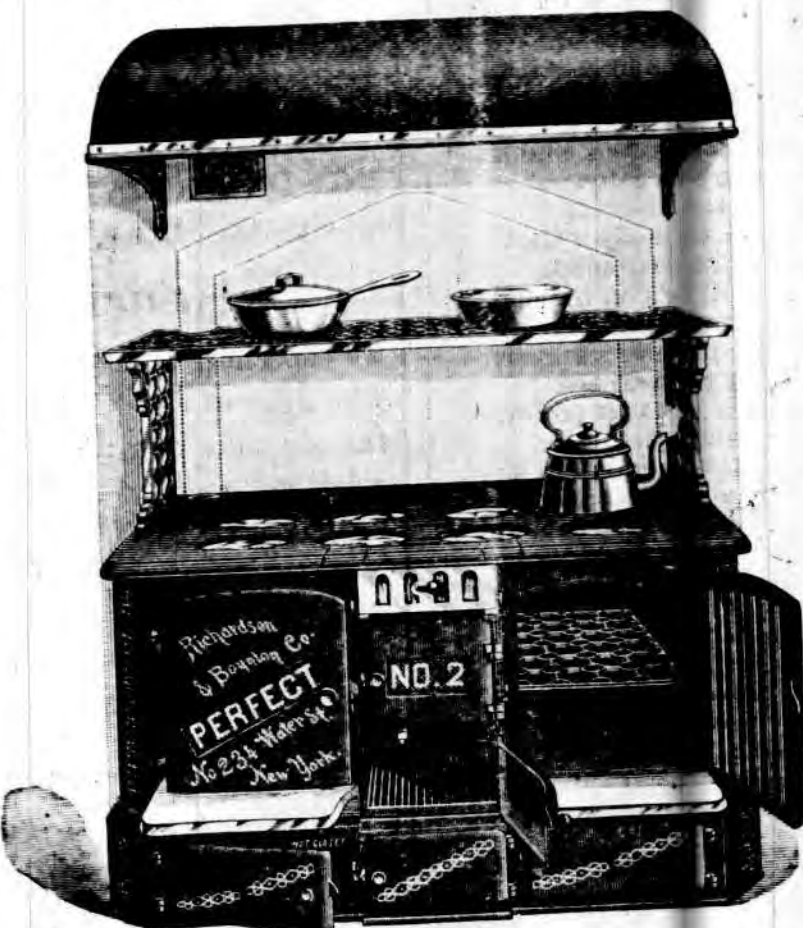
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"Habit a second nature." Habit is ten times nature. The Duke of Wellington to which this is true no one can probably appreciate as well as one who is a veteran soldier himself. The daily drill and the years of discipline end by fashioning a man completely over again, as to most of the possibilities of his conduct. "There is a story, which is credible enough, though it may not be true, of a practical joker, who, seeing a discharged veteran carrying home his dinner, suddenly called out, 'Attention!' whereupon the man lost his mutton and potatoes in the gutter. The drill had been thorough, and its effects had become embodied in the man's nervous structure.

Endless cavalry horses, at many a battle, have been seen to come together minute to minute, the duties they have been taught, and giving no sign that the possibility of an alternative even suggests itself to their mind. Men grown old in prison have asked to be readmitted after being once set free. In a railroad accident to mislead the duties they have been taught, and giving no sign that the possibility of an alternative even suggests itself to their mind. Men grown old in prison have asked to be readmitted after being once set free. In a railroad accident to mislead the duties they have been taught, and giving no sign that the possibility of an alternative even suggests itself to their mind.

Habit is thus the enormous flywheel of society, its most precious conservative agent. It alone is what keeps us all within the bounds of ordinance, and saves the children of

envious uprisings of the poor. It alone prevents the handiest and most repulsive walks of life from being deserted by those brought up to tread therein. It keeps the fisherman and the deck hand at sea through the winter; it holds the miner in his darkness, and nails the countryman to his log cabin and his lonely farm through all the months of snow; it protects us from invasion by the natives of the desert and the frozen zone. It dooms us all to fight out the battle of life upon the lines of our nurture or our early choice, and to make the best of a pursuit that disagrees, because there is no other for which we are fitted, and it is too late to begin again. It keeps different social strata from mixing, already at the age of 25 you see the professional man, settling down on the young commercial traveler, on the young doctor, on the young minister, on the young counselor at law. You see the little lines of cleavage running through the character: the tricks of thought, the prejudices, the ways of the "shop" in a word, from which the man can be by and by no more escape than his coat sleeve can suddenly fall into a new set of folds. On the whole, it is best he should not escape. It is well for the world that in after has set like plaster, and will never soften again.—William James in Popular Science Monthly.

Forms of the Bank Bill.

The American bank bill has followed the form of the American letter envelope. For paper money, if paper money must be used, it is the most convenient possible. But there is a prejudice against that form in Europe. The notes of the Bank of England and the Bank of France are securely less in size than the old fashioned blank newspaper sheet. A draft given by an English or French bank is still larger. Your tailor in Paris gives you a receipt that, after several times folding, you manage to cram it into your pocketbook. A queer idea of business attaches to these huge pieces of paper. They will tell you that small drafts, bank bills and receipts do not look business-like—that is to say whether there is business or not, it is desirable to make a show

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Loans on Bond and Mortgage (first liens)	\$72,500 00
Loans on Bond and Mortgage (second liens)	12,315 52
United States Bonds (market value)	12,500 00
Cash on hand and in bank	8,331 81
	\$96,667 03

LIABILITIES.

Due Depositors, including Interest to be credited this day	\$84,192 69
Surplus	\$8,474 34
	\$92,667 03

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